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PATENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the patent application referenced above as follows.

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-37 and substitute new claims 38-84 as follows.

-- 38. An antimicrobial composition comprising a eukaryotic histone H1 protein.

39. The composition of claim 38, wherein the histone H1 protein is substantially purified.

40. The composition of claim 39, wherein the histone H1 protein is derivated with polyethylene glycol

41. The composition of claim 38, further comprising a second antibiotic.

42. The composition of claim 41, wherein the second antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of histone H2A, histone H2B, histone H3, histone H4, histone H5,

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